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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to barely steady on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Limited sales were reported in the East for prompt deliveries. Supplies of whole body hens and toms adequate. Bulk parts and meats demand for domestic usage was very light. Trading was slow. Supplies adequate to fully adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light to moderate and centered on moderate volumes of fresh tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Demand limited as most buyers continue to be cautious and selective.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 01, 2003**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58.5-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56.5-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	59	59.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58.5-62	62	62.00	260	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56.5-59	59	59.00	340	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 1 APRIL 2003.

Bulk parts trade sentiment was steady on necks and hen 2-joint wings, steady to barely steady mostly steady on tom 2-joint wings, steady to barely steady on the balance of items with hen parts held with the most confidence. Domestic demand and trading was light consisting mostly of mixed and part loads. Some fresh wing meat traded at 51 cents delivered close-by. Export demand was slow to instances moderate. Export trading centered on a light volume of fresh tom drums at 19.50 cents delivered and on a moderate volume of tom 2-joint wings for April shipments. Offerings of necks and hen 2-joint wings were light, tom 2-joint wings light to adequate, balance adequate to fully adequate with tom items the most available.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	95.00	7
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	145.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	26
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	23.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	31
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.00		18.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	17.00		17.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	60
NECKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	15
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	118.00	120
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	53.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	72.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	62.00-64.00		62.67	60
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	106.00		106.00	400
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	115.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	52.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	20.00		20.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00		21.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	14.93	182
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	624
TAILS		R	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	22.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	51.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	94-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 2 APRIL 2003.

The undertone on tom breast meat was steady to barely steady for prompt shipments, mostly steady on the balance of white meat items. Demand seasonally slow for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. The trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to barely steady. Demand was slow to moderate on 4-8 lb. breasts for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. The trade sentiment on mechanically separated turkey was steady to barely steady with only limited activity reported. The undertone on thigh meat was mostly steady with premiums noted for select destinations. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Fresh hen drums traded at 18, tails 20 and livers at 15 cents delivered domestic. Export trading centered on fair volumes of fresh tom drums at 23 and frozen thigh meat.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	92.50		92.50	800
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	145.00		145.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	21.00		21.00	50
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	18.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	17.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	60
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	117.00		117.00	40
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	53.00		53.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	72.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	62.67	60
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	106.00	400
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	116.00		116.00	14
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	52.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	22.00-23.00		22.26	54

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THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-63.00		61.62	452

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/02/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

ACCUMULATED

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2002-2003	1,398	335,558	335,858
2001-2002	1,394	342,187	342,487